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2006 Session Review

39th Legislative District

Dear Friends,

The 2006 legislative session brought accomplishments on several fronts. Because Washington's economy is in pretty good shape statewide, more revenue was available to pay for things citizens have requested. I was especially pleased to help secure the largest investment we've seen in a long time for the biggest east-west highway in our district.

I continued to focus on bringing economic opportunities to the 39th Legislative District, because more jobs mean a better outlook for working families. As Republican leader on the House Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade Committee, I worked with the majority party on legislation to preserve jobs, encourage existing businesses to grow, and attract new employers - particularly to largely rural areas like ours.

While the amount of revenue expected to come into the state treasury has risen an amazing 10 percent, the Legislature should have shown some restraint. Instead, it increased state spending by more than 17 percent. Could you or I outspend our household income by so much without getting into financial difficulty? That isn't likely, and it is no different for the Legislature: even the governor's staff says the new state budget sets us up for a deficit of around \$600 million next year.

Please take a few minutes to read my report. I'll be out around our district this summer and fall and would be delighted to meet and speak with you. Be sure to contact me if you think I can help you with an issue or concern involving state government.

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Sincerely,



Update from the 2006 Session

Working for better, safer roads

With the help of the U.S. 2 Safety Coalition we secured \$700,000 for a critical study that will determine our options for making our year-round east-west corridor safer. It's been decades since that kind of investment has been made toward improving transportation in our area.

We also succeeded in preserving \$100 million for a project to replace the State Route 522 bridge over the Snohomish River and widen the highway from the bridge to U.S. 2. Some legislators wanted to shift that funding to a different project.



Rep. Kristiansen testifies before a House committee in favor of legislation he sponsored.

More positive news from the session

- Tougher penalties for sex crimes against children
- Felony charge instead of misdemeanor for repeat DUI offenders
- Sedro-Woolley's repeat state champion wrestling team recognized
- \$150,000 toward helping community of Hamilton move to higher ground
- \$400,000 toward the Skagit comprehensive irrigation district plan
- \$7 million from the state capital budget for Arlington wastewater treatment plant improvements
- \$7 million toward a sewer replacement project for Sedro-Woolley
- Jim Swett of Sedro-Woolley awarded state Medal of Valor for saving victims of car crash



What you told me this session:

"...if the bridge doesn't get built over the river on 522 the rest of the improvements will never get done. But if it is built then sooner or later the rest will get funding. Stick with it..."

Bill N. (no address given)

"We need to spend some money to widen Hwy. 2. I spent an hour and a half going 7 miles last night and there weren't any accidents. Skiers only add to the congestion."

- Jim, Sultan



Matt (legislative page)



Brendan (legislative page)



Kevin (legislative page)



Nathan (legislative page)

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Helping our veterans begin a new chapter

The original GI bill changed the lives of countless veterans; my "mini GI bill" (House Bill 2233) approved this year will require our public colleges



and universities to reach out to Washington's growing veteran population and increase the number of vets who are granted tuition waivers that allow them to restart or further their education. Thanks to the many veterans who helped me create this important new law.

Improving access to health care

I still hear from people who are benefiting from my legislation that allowed insurers to continue offering rate discounts for Medicare supplemental insurance. This session I sponsored a bill which became law that offers public employees new tools for managing their health care spending. Giving people and insurers more flexibility and choice -- not more government intervention -- is the best way to help improve access to affordable health care.



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Rep. Kirk Pearson -

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Legislature Kids' Page - http://www.leg.wa.gov/common/kids/

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Emergency Management - http://emd.wa.gov/

Employment Security - http://fortress.wa.gov/esd/portal/

Financial Institutions - http://www.dfi.wa.gov/

Fish & Wildlife - http://wdfw.wa.gov/

Gambling Commission - http://www.wsgc.wa.gov/

Health - http://www.doh.wa.gov/

Labor & Industries (English) - http://www.lni.wa.gov/

Licensing - http://www.dol.wa.gov/

Liquor Control Board - http://www.liq.wa.gov/

Lottery - http://www.walottery.com/

Military Department (National Guard) - http://mil.wa.gov/

Parks & Recreation - http://www.parks.wa.gov/

State Patrol - http://www.wsp.wa.gov/

Personnel - http://hr.dop.wa.gov/

Public Disclosure Commission -

http://www.pdc.wa.gov/

Revenue - http://dor.wa.gov/

Social & Health Services - http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/

Transportation - http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/

Utilities & Transportation Commission -

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